

Sept 20, 2020
Restoration



Key Scriptures

Rom 1:16-17 NASB For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. (17) For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

Isa 32:17-18 NASB And the work of righteousness will be peace, And the service of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever. (18) Then my people will live in a peaceful habitation, And in secure dwellings and in undisturbed resting places;

Jas 5:16 NASB Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

The Big Point:

Justice begins with our interpersonal relationships. While people look at Justice as punishment. God revealed his justice on the Cross by making a way that people can have their relationship with him be restored. God does not say what we did wrong does not matter. As we realize the sin we commit, we have to recognize our sins and turn from them. This is the model of relationship we are supposed to have with each other.

Important points from the message:

- Not all relationships are supposed to be restored.
- God wants to heal things better than they were.

Your Steps in Restoring Broken Relationships

- Admit to yourself you were wrong and don't blame other people for your actions.
 - Don't say, "I did this because you did . . ."
- Recognize the hurt you caused with your sin.
 - Focus on the hurt you caused, not your own feelings of guilt, regret, or shame.
- Confess the hurt you caused and ask for forgiveness.
 - Ex. "I am sorry I did not do what I said I would do. Please forgive me and give me another chance to show it was important."
- Walk in repentance to rebuild the relationship.
 - Break the cycle, point out the effort you are putting in, ask for feedback in that area going forward.

Questions that may get your group talking.

- How did the example of Kintsugi affect your thoughts of restoration?
- How well do you live this pattern of restoration?

Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Be aware of what people say around you when they seem upset.
- Pray that God will show you areas of unforgiveness in your heart.